

HOUSE RESOLUTION 68

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mildred Louise Bouton Gaston on the celebration of her 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Louise Bouton Gaston will celebrate her 80th birthday on April 10, 2007, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Margaret Chambers Bouton and George Ralph Bouton, Mildred Louise Bouton Gaston was born on April 10, 1927, in Lebanon, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaston attended McClain Elementary School and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1945; an outstanding student, she was awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution History Award during her senior year of high school; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Gaston attended Ward Belmont College for two years before earning her bachelor's degree in Biology from Middle Tennessee State University in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gaston served for many years as a substitute school teacher and as a Girl Scout troop volunteer, earning the respect of her peers, superiors, and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 1963, Mildred Louise Bouton was joined in marriage with Emmet L. Gaston, Jr.; the couple lived in Mississippi for a time before Mrs. Gaston returned to her roots in Lebanon; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of her community, Mildred Gaston is beloved as a wise and caring neighbor and friend; and

WHEREAS, for sixty-two years, Mrs. Gaston has been an active member of the Margaret Gaston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; she is a past Treasurer of the organization, and she presently serves as Historian; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Gaston is a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church, which she has served faithfully as an elder and choir member, and she is also a member of the Morning Circle; and

WHEREAS, as she approaches her ninth decade, Mrs. Gaston is an active and vital member of her community, participating in various civic and community groups, including the Year Round Garden Club, Garden Guild, Tuckers Crossroad Community Club, John Sellars Ornithological Society, Wilson County Historical Society, and Cumberland Women; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Louise Bouton Gaston is an avid gardener, especially with Tube Roses, a world traveler, and a special aunt and great-aunt who gives generously of herself time and again; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mildred Louise Bouton Gaston on the celebration of her 80th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.